109TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H.R. 1400

## **AN ACT**

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

### 1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "Securing Aircraft
- 3 Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2005".
- 4 SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST AIMING A LASER POINTER
- 5 AT AN AIRCRAFT.
- 6 (a) Offense.—Chapter 2 of title 18, United States
- 7 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:
- 8 "§ 39. Aiming a laser pointer at an aircraft
- 9 "(a) Whoever knowingly aims the beam of a laser
- 10 pointer at an aircraft in the special aircraft jurisdiction
- 11 of the United States, or at the flight path of such an air-
- 12 craft, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not
- 13 more than 5 years, or both.
- 14 "(b) As used in this section, the term 'laser pointer'
- 15 means any device designed or used to amplify electro-
- 16 magnetic radiation by stimulated emission that emits a
- 17 beam designed to be used by the operator as a pointer
- 18 or highlighter to indicate, mark, or identify a specific posi-
- 19 tion, place, item, or object.".
- 20 (b) Amendment to Table of Sections.—The
- 21 table of sections at the beginning of chapter 2 of title 18,

- 1 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
- 2 following new item:

"39. Aiming a laser pointer at an aircraft.".

Passed the House of Representatives December 8, 2005.

Attest:

Clerk.

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